

Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 15-17 are allowed. Claims 8-14 were withdrawn from consideration and are now canceled without prejudice to place the present application in condition for allowance. Moreover, the amendments are made in response to the requirements made by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability, and are proper for entry under Rule 116. As a result, the amendment is considered fully responsive to the requests made in the Notice of Allowability and the application is considered in condition for allowance.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the invention. The Examiner argued that a strand portion extending across the coil from the opposite coil end to the first coil end, as expressly included in claims 1 and 15, must be shown. Accordingly, Figure 4 has been amended as shown by the addition of reference character 103 and the lead line showing the portion of the strand extending across the coil. A similar clarification has been made to the specification at page 7, line 13 to expressly refer to the original subject matter of Figure 4 now merely clarified by addition of a reference character and the appropriate lead line. Accordingly, the original disclosure includes the subject matter, and the amendment does not add new matter to the application.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure arguing that the link 88 does not carry the tab 98 as disclosed on the top of page 7. However, clarifications have been made to Figures 1, 3, 4 and 6 to clarify that the recitation at the top of page 7 is consistent with the remaining disclosure. The Examiner's statement that the link 66 appears to carry the tab must be viewed in light of the expressed teachings of the specification at page 6, lines 22, through page 7, line 4, clarifying the similarity of links 66 and 88 in the preferred embodiment. The use of similarly shaped links to form different parts of the mechanism is an advantage taught by the original disclosure. Thus, where the tab 98 is used to wrap around a spring end, the specification and the drawing expressly refer to such part as shown at reference character 100 in the specification and drawing. Moreover, in light of the Examiner's comments, additional clarifying reference characters have been added to the figures to assure that features of the

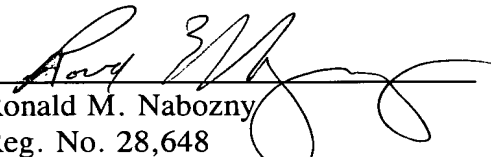
invention, and details of the preferred embodiments, are visually and consistently referred to throughout the views.

These amendments were made at Applicant's first opportunity to address the Examiner's comments, and could not have been made earlier. Accordingly, the amendments are proper for entry under Rule 116. In addition, the amendments address the issues raised by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability, and reduce the issues remaining to be resolved in the application, if not placing the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets